to specify a period longer than 7 days for constructive acceptance or constructive approval, if required to afford the Government a practicable opportunity to inspect and test the supplies furnished or evaluate the services performed.

- (2) If applicable, as authorized in 32.906(a) and only as permitted by agency policies and procedures, the contracting officer may insert in paragraph (b) of the clause a period shorter than 30 days (but not less than 7 days) for making contract financing payments.
- (b) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 52.232-27, Prompt Payment for Construction Contracts, in all solicitations and contracts for construction (see part 36).
- (1) As authorized in 32.905(c)(1)(i), the contracting officer may modify the date in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(A) of the clause to specify a period longer than 14 days if required to afford the Government a reasonable opportunity to adequately inspect the work and to determine the adequacy of the Contractor's performance under the contract.
- (2) As authorized in 32.905(c)(1)(v), the contracting officer may modify the date in paragraph (a)(4)(i) of the clause to specify a period longer than 7 days for constructive acceptance or constructive approval if required to afford the Government a reasonable opportunity to inspect and test the supplies furnished or evaluate the services performed.
- (3) If applicable, as authorized in 32.906(a) and only as permitted by agency policies and procedures, the contracting officer may insert in paragraph (b) of the clause a period shorter than 30 days (but not less than 7 days) for making contract financing payments.
- (c) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 52.232-25, Prompt Payment, in all other solicitations and contracts (including contracts at or below the simplified acquisition threshold), except where the clause at 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, applies, and except as indicated in 32.901.
- (1) As authorized in 32.905(a)(1)(ii), the contracting officer may modify the date in paragraph (a)(5)(i) of the clause

to specify a period longer than 7 days for constructive acceptance, if required to afford the Government a reasonable opportunity to inspect and test the supplies furnished or to evaluate the services performed, except in the case of a contract for the purchase of a commercial item as defined in 2.101, including a brand-name commercial item for authorized resale (e.g., commissary items).

(2) As authorized in 32.906(a) and only as permitted by agency policies and procedures, the contracting officer may insert in paragraph (b) of the clause a period shorter than 30 days (but not less than 7 days) for making contract financing payments.

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## 32.909 Contractor inquiries.

Questions concerning delinquent payments should be directed to the designated billing office or designated payment office. If a question involves a disagreement in payment amount or timing, it should be directed to the contracting officer for resolution. The contracting officer shall coordinate within appropriate contracting channels and seek the advice of other offices as may be necessary to resolve disagreements. Small business concerns may obtain additional assistance related to payment issues, late payment interest penalties, and information on the Prompt Payment Act, by contacting the Agency's local representative from the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

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## Subpart 32.10—Performance-Based Payments

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## 32.1000 Scope of subpart.

This subpart provides policy and procedures for performance-based payments under non-commercial purchases pursuant to subpart 32.1. This subpart does not apply to—

(a) Payments under cost-reimbursement contracts;